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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby call to the Examiner's attention the following documents which were cited during the prosecution of parent U.S. Patent Application No. 09/320,543, which issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,710,789 on March 23, 2004:

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 4,783,648 to HOMMA et al., which issued on November 8, 1988;
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 4,890,257 to ANTHIAS et al., which issued on December 26, 1989;
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 4,897,801 to KAZAMA et al., which issued on January 30, 1990.

Applicants note that this document was submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement that was filed on April 19, 2000, but the Examiner inadvertently did not initial

the PTO-1449 Form, and thus, this document was not listed on the front of the issued parent patent;

- (4) U.S. Patent No. 4,954,818 to NAKANE et al., which issued on September 4, 1990;
- (5) U.S. Patent No. 5,091,717 to CARRIE et al., which issued on February 25, 1992;
- (6) U.S. Patent No. 5,720,016 to EGASHIRA, which issued on February 17, 1998;
- (7) U.S. Patent No. 5,734,380 to ADAMS et al., which issued on March 31, 1998;
- (8) U.S. Patent No. 5,825,359 to DERBY et al., which issued on October 20, 1998;
- (9) European Patent Application Publication No. EP 0 747 805, which was published on November 12, 1996;
- (10) International Patent Application Publication No. WO 98/13752, which was published on April 2, 1998;
- (11) Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 2000-47784, which was published on February 18, 2000, together with an English language Abstract of the same;
- (12) An article entitled "Method for Keeping Windows from Overlapping Important Information," IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, IBM Corp., New York, Vol. 29, No. 10, pp. 4553-4554 (XP000011718, ISSN: 0018-8689);
- (13) An article by COHEN, E. S. et al., entitled "Automatic Strategies in the Siemens RTL Tiled Window Manager," 2<sup>nd</sup> IEEE Conference on Computer Workstations, U.S., Washington, IEEE Computer Society Press, pp. 111-119 (XP 00001098); and
- (14) European Search Report for European Patent Application No. EP 03075465.9, mailed on May 14, 2003.

Applicants note that above-noted documents (1), (2), and (4)-(14) were cited and made of record by the Examiner in the parent application, and thus copies are not being provided herewith pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (d).

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i), a copy of document (4), a U.S. patent, is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants also bring to the Examiner's attention the following commonly assigned co-pending divisional applications that are based on the above-noted parent application:

- (15) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/696,710 to SEKIGUCHI et al., which was published as U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0107438 on June 3, 2004;
- (16) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/695,901 to SEKIGUCHI et al., which was published as U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0119706 on June 24, 2004;
- (17) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/739,020 to SEKIGUCHI et al., which was published as U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0130540 on July 8, 2004;
- (18) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/739,059 to SEKIGUCHI et al., which was published as U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0080540 on April 29, 2004;
- (19) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/740,563 to SEKIGUCHI et al., which was published as U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0130563 on July 8, 2004;
- (20) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/740,564 to SEKIGUCHI et al., which was published as U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0130577 on July 8, 2004; and

(21) U.S. Patent Application No. 10/749,589 to SEKIGUCHI et al., which was filed on January 2, 2004.

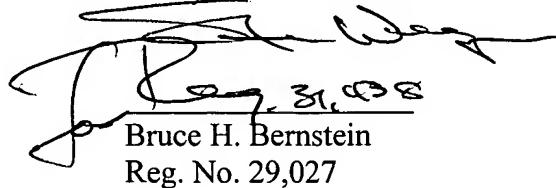
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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. A copy of the claims of unpublished application (21) is attached hereto and all of the published documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The specification for document (21) is not enclosed, as it corresponds to the disclosure of the present application. Applicants note that patent application (21) is not listed on the PTO-1449 Form as it is an unpublished document. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not issued in the present application, and thus no fee is believed necessary to ensure consideration of the submitted material. However, if an Office Action on the merits has issued and is crossing this statement in the mail, the undersigned hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fee necessary for the consideration of this statement, including any payment under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p) to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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**OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

	1	English Language Abstract of JP 2000-47784.
	2	An article entitled "Method for Keeping Windows from Overlapping Important Information," IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, IBM Corp., New York, Vol. 29, No. 10, pp. 4553-4554 (XP000011718, ISSN: 0018-8689).
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